



7.0 PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

Public involvement is an important part of planning and decision-making. Agencies, non-governmental organizations, and citizens provided valuable input for TSP.

7.1 Public Meetings and Other Coordination Efforts

Public meetings and coordination were conducted while developing the scope of the project. Additional public meetings may be held after publication of the draft report, if warranted.

On 18 May 2015, a scoping meeting public notice fact sheet was mailed to approximately 407 individual mailing addresses compiled from an internal CEMVN mailing database. These individual addresses included various Federal, State of Louisiana, and local agencies and officials, parish and city government representatives, non-governmental organizations, individual stakeholders, and members of the public.

In addition to the individual letters, scoping meeting publications were run in three local newspapers on the following dates:

- *19 May and 26 May 2015* – Plaquemines Gazette
- *24 May 24 and 28 May 2015* – New Orleans Advocate
- *24 May 24 2015* – Baton Rouge Advocate

The 13 May 2015 Notice of Intent (volume 80, number 92, pp 27296-27298) identified the NEPA public scoping meeting dates, locations, times, and meeting formats. The first scoping meeting was held on 26 May 2015, at the Belle Chasse Branch Library, in Belle Chasse, LA, and began at 6:00 p.m. with an Open House wherein the public was invited to visit a series of poster stations staffed by the project delivery team members and subject matter experts. The second scoping meeting was held at the New Orleans District, in New Orleans, LA, and began at 8:30 a.m. The third scoping meeting was held at the Louisiana State Police Training Academy, in Baton Rouge, LA, and began at 6:00 p.m.

Details on public coordination, scoping meetings, pertinent comments, and resolution of comments can be found in Appendix G “Scoping Report.”

7.2 Draft Report Recipients

This report was distributed to Federal, state, and local agencies; businesses, libraries, and universities; and others. Additionally, these stakeholders received a copy of the report (Table 7-1).



Table 7-1 Report Recipients

Louisiana Congressional Delegation		
Senator Bill Cassidy	1st District Congressman Steve Scalise	4th District John C. Fleming
Senator David Vitter	2nd District Congressman Cedric Richmond	5th District Ralph Abraham
	3rd District Congressman Charles Boustany	6th District Garret Graves
LaDOTD		
Dr. Shawn Wilson	Sharon Balfour	Phil Jones
Tommy Clark	Chris Collins	
Louisiana State Senators & Representatives		
Ascension Parish	Iberville Parish	East Baton Rouge Parish
Senator: Eddie Lambert, and Troy E. Brown;	Senator: Robert Marionneaux;	Senator: Dan Claitor, Yvonne Colomb, Regina Barrow, Dale M. Erdey, Rick Ward, III, Mack "Bodi" White;
Representative: Tony Bacala, John A. Berthelot, Edward J. Price, Clay Schexnayder	Representatives: Elton Aubert, Karen St. Germain	Representative: Barbara W. Carpenter, Stephen F. Carter, Paula P. Davis, Rick Edmonds, Franklin J. Foil, Kenneth E. Havard, Valarie Hodges, Barry Ivey, Edward C. "Ted" James, II, Edmond Jordan, C. Denise Marcelle, Haynes Smith,
Jefferson Parish	Orleans Parish	St. Charles Parish
Senator: Troy Carter, Conrad Appel, Senator Daniel "Danny" Martiny, John A. Alario, Jr., Jean-Paul J. Morrell, Karen Carter Peterson, Gary Smith;	Senator: Karen Carter Peterson, Jean-Paul J. Morrell, Conrad Appel, Troy Carter, Wesley Bishop, Sharon Hewitt;	Senator: Gary Smith, Troy E. Brown;
Representative: Robert E. Billiot, Patrick Connick, Jerry Gisclair, Cameron Henry, Stephanie Hilferty, Christopher J. Leopold, Rodney Lyons, Joseph A. Marino, III, Julie Stokes, Kirk Talbot, Polly Thomas, Thomas P. Willmott	Representative: Neil C. Abramson, John H. Bagneris, Joseph Bouie, Jr., Gary M. Carter, Jr., Raymond E. Garofalo, Jr., Jimmy Harris, Stephanie Hilferty, Walt Leger, III, Christopher J. Leopold, Helena N. Moreno	Representative: Edward J. Price, Clay Schexnayder
St. James Parish	Plaquemines Parish	St. Bernard Parish
Senator: Eddie Lambert, Troy E. Brown;	Senator: Sharon Hewitt, Troy Carter, John A. Alario, Jr.;	Senator: Sharon Hewitt
Representative: Edward J. Price, Clay Schexnayder	Representative: Raymond E. Garofalo, Jr., Christopher J. Leopold, Jean-Paul J. Morrell;	Representative: Raymond E. Garofalo, Jr.



St. John the Baptist Parish	West Baton Rouge Parish	
Senator: Gary Smith, Troy E. Brown;	Senator: Rick Ward, III, Troy E. Brown; Representative: Major Thibaut	
Representative: Randal L. Gaines, Gregory A. Miller, Clay Schexnayder	Representative: Major Thibaut	
Federal Agencies		
Advisory Council on Historic Preservation	Department of Energy: Office of Environmental Compliance	Department of Transportation: Division Administrator, Federal Highway Administration; Southwest Region, Federal Aviation Administration
Department of Agriculture: Natural Resources Conservation Service; Louisiana State Conservationist; District Conservationist	Department of Homeland Security: Federal Emergency Management Agency, Region VI	Environmental Protection Agency: Office of Federal Activities, EIS Filing Section: Region VI, Marine and Wetlands Section; Region VI - Office of Planning and Coordination
Department of the Army: Mississippi Valley Division	Department of the Interior: Office of Environmental Policy and Compliance; U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service: Lacombe Office; Lafayette Field Office	Department of Commerce: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration; Protected Species Division; Habitat Conservation Division; NEPA Coordinator, Office of Program, Planning & Integration
Waterways Council Inc.	Eighth Coast Guard District	United States Department of the Navy
State Agencies and Offices		
Office of the Governor of Louisiana	Louisiana Department of Agriculture & Forestry: Office of Forestry; Office of Agriculture & Environmental Science	Louisiana Department of Public Works
Louisiana Office of Lieutenant Governor	Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality: Office of the Secretary; Environmental Planning Division	Louisiana Department of Transportation & Development
Louisiana Secretary of State	Louisiana Department of Health & Hospitals: Office of Public Health, Center for Environmental Health	Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries: Office of the Secretary; Natural Heritage Program
Louisiana Attorney General's Office	Louisiana Department of Natural Resources: Interagency Affairs; Lafayette Field Office; Division of State Lands; Office of Conservation, Surface Mining Division; Consistency Coordinator, Coastal Resources Program	Louisiana Division of Administration: State Land Office; State Planning Office



Governor's Office for Coastal Activities	Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority Board	Louisiana Office of Cultural Development: State Historic Preservation Officer; Division of Outdoor Recreation
Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority		Louisiana State Board of Commerce & Industry
Native American Tribes		
Alabama Coushatta Tribe of Texas	Coushatta Tribe of Louisiana	Seminole Tribe of Florida
Caddo Nation of Oklahoma	Jena Band of Choctaw Indians	Seminole Nation of Oklahoma
Chitimacha Tribe of Louisiana Band	Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians	Tunica-Biloxi Tribe of Louisiana
Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma	Muscogee (creek) Nation	
Media Outlets		
The New Orleans District, Public Affairs Office will provide a news release to several hundred news media outlets including contact information for requesting copy of the report, and where to provide comments on the report.		
Libraries & Universities		
Louisiana State University: Geographic Information Center; Office of Sea Grant Development; Department of Geography; Government Documents	Parish Libraries: Ascension, East Baton Rouge, Iberville, Jefferson, Orleans, Plaquemines St. Bernard, St. Charles, St. James Parish, St. John the Baptist, West Baton Rouge	Earl K. Long Library
		Tulane University
Navigation, Dredging and River Related		
Associated Federal Pilots	Entergy	New Orleans-Baton Rouge Steamship Pilot Association
Bean Corporation	Hydro consultants, Inc.	Plaquemines Port Harbor & Terminal
Big River Coalition	Louisiana Department of Transportation & Development	Port of Greater Baton Rouge
C&M Contractors, Inc.	Louisiana Maritime Association (LAMA)	Port of New Orleans
Capt. K.C. Siverd	Louisiana Maritime Association (LAMA)	Port of South Louisiana
Carr Oil Company, Inc.	Lower Mississippi River Committee (LOMRC)	South Louisiana Environmental Council
Crescent River Port Pilots Association	Maritime Navigation Safety Association (MNSA)	Associated Branch Pilots (Bar Pilots)
Cresent River Port Pilots Association	Maritime Navigation Safety Association (MNSA)	South Louisiana Port Commission
Engineering Development Group, Inc.	New Orleans Board of Trade	Wally Landry, Crucial, Inc.



Ports		
Port of New Orleans	Port of South Louisiana	Greater Port of Greater Baton Rouge
Plaquemines Port, Harbor & Terminal		
Levee Districts		
Orleans Levee District	North Lafourche Basin Levee District	Pontchartrain Levee District
East Jefferson Levee District	West Jefferson Levee District	Lafitte Area Independent Levee District
Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority - West	Plaquemines Levee District	Lake Borgne Levee District
Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority - East		
Floodplain Management Agencies		
FEMA Region VI	LADOTD, Public Works and Water Resources Division;	
Ascension Parish Government	East Baton Rouge Parish Government	Iberville Parish Government
Parish President Parish Council	Parish President Parish Council	Parish President Parish Council
Jefferson Parish Government	Orleans Parish Government	Plaquemines Parish Government
Parish President Parish Council	Parish President Parish Council	Parish President Parish Council
St. Bernard Parish Government	St. Charles Parish Government	St. James Parish Government
Parish President Parish Council	Parish President Parish Council	Parish President Parish Council
St. John the Baptist Government	West Baton Rouge Parish	
Parish President Parish Council	Parish President Parish Council	

7.3 Views of the Public

This report is available for public review and comment for 45 days. The final report will include comments received from public review and public meetings